Apart from the legal action which could be taken against any supplier of spurious LPG equipment, in case any distributor is found in possession of spurious equipment or inducts such equipment in the distribution system, Marketing Discipline-Guidelines provide, *inter-alia*, for confiscation of equipment, imposition of fine and recovery at penal rates for the first and second offences and termination of distributorship in the event of a third offence.

Self Help Groups benefited by micro finance scheme

*573. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Self Help Groups benefited by the micro finance scheme so far, state-wise;

(b) the number of families covered by the scheme so far, state-wise;

(c) the percentage of BPL families covered by the scheme, state-wise;

(d) whether the central Government proposed to cover all the BPL and marginally, above BPL families by micro finance scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including the time frame set for the purpose and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) As on 31st March 2007, around 27.11 lakh Self Help Groups (SHGs) (provisional figures) have benefited from the NABARD facilitated SHG Bank Linkage Programme. These groups have covered approximately 379.54 lakh families. State-wise details are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) to (e) Unlike the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojna (SGSY) of the Ministry of Rural Development, the SHG-Bank Linkage Programme of NABARD neither extends subsidy linked credit nor restricts membership of the group to persons Below Poverty Line. As such, no data on coverage of BPL families is available for this programme. However, the State-wise details of BPL families covered under SGSY is given in Statement-II (*See* below).

Under NABARD facilitated SHG-Bank Linkage Programme, by the end of XIth Five Year Plan (2011-12), the cumulative number of SHGs to be credit linked with banks is projected at 40 lakhs covering 5.6 crore families. Under the SGSY Scheme the target is to bring in atleast one member of the identified BPL families within the fold of Self Help Group during the XIth Plan (2007–2012).

Statement-I

State wise details of SHGs provided with bank loan under SHG Bank Linkage Programme facilitated by NABARD

Sl. No.	State/Region	Cumulative No. of SHGs Provided with Bank Loan as on 31st March 2007	No. of Families (in lakhs)*
1	2	3	4
A	**Northern Region**		
1.	Himachal Pradesh	26,420	3.70
2.	Rajasthan	137,837	19.30
3.	Haryana	4,889	0.68
4.	Punjab	4,561	0.64
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	2,354	0.33
6.	New Delhi	298	0.04
	Sub-Total	**176,359**	**24.69**
B	**North Eastern Region**		
7.	Assam	81,454	11.40
8.	Meghalaya	836	0.12
9.	Tripura	2,923	0.41
10.	Sikkim	156	0.02
11.	Manipur	1,468	0.21
12.	Nagaland	488	0.07
13.	Arunachal Pradesh	348	0.05
14.	Mizoram	1,404	0.20
	Sub-Total	**89,075**	**12.47**
C	**Eastern Region**		
15.	Orissa	215,602	30.18
16.	Bihar	54,488	7.63
17.	Jharkhand	31,594	4.42
18.	West Bengal	181,463	25.40
19.	UT of A & N Islands	202	0.03
	Sub-Total	**483,349**	**67.67**
D	**Central Region**		
20.	Madhya Pradesh	65,621	9.19
21.	Chhattisgarh	37,699	5.28

1	2	3	4
22.	Uttar Pradesh	190,237	26.63
23.	Uttarakhand	21,527	3.01
	Sub-Total	**315,084**	**44.11**
D	**Western Region**		
24.	Gujarat	36,708	5.14
25.	Maharashtra	172,257	24.12
26.	Goa	1,019	0.14
	Sub-Total	**209,984**	**29.40**
F	**Southern Region**		
27.	Andhra Pradesh	643,351	90.07
28.	Karnataka	298,527	41.79
29.	Kerala	97,300	13.62
30.	Tamil Nadu	395,488	55.37
31.	UT of Pondicherry	2,499	0.35
	Sub-Total	**1,437,165**	**201.20**
	GRAND TOTAL :	2,711,016	379.54

** Data Provisional*

Statement-II

%age of BPL Families Covered under the SGSY since inception till 2006-07

Sl. No.	States/U.T.	No. of BPL Rural Families (*)	No. of BPL Families covered so far as Grade-I (**) SHGs	% BPL age of Families covered so far
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4184628	4412530	105.45
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	80627	1780	2.21
3.	Assam	2164416	847720	39.17
4.	Bihar	9399231	504590	5.37
5.	Chhattisgarh	2300669	229160	9.96
6.	Goa	23101	4070	17.62
7.	Gujarat	1980879	264190	13.34
8.	Haryana	503019	87830	17.46

1	2	3	4	5
9.	Himachal Pradesh	286112	51610	18.04
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	606545	40760	6.72
11.	Jharkhand	2322091	228670	9.85
12.	Karnataka	2202766	257980	11.71
13.	Kerala	1723566	445030	25.82
14.	Madhya Pradesh	5111874	946990	18.53
15.	Maharashtra	3860675	947290	24.54
16	Manipur	246980	6510	2.64
17.	Meghalaya	156646	31410	20.05
18.	Mizoram	74154	7720	10.41
19.	Nagaland	88541	16090	18.17
20.	Orissa	4445736	883690	19.88
21.	Punjab	650209	27560	4.24
22.	Rajasthan	2097560	178280	8.50
23.	Sikkim	0	8490	0.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	2737921	1771070	64.69
25.	Tripura	397798	85080	21.39
26.	Uttar Pradesh	7541494	1775790	23.55
27.	Uttarakhand	376502	136400	36.23
28.	West Bengal	4918296	1303700	26.51
29.	A&N Islands	6421	2470	38.47
30.	Daman & Diu	17231	0	0.00
31.	D & N Haveli	395	0	0.00
32.	Lakshadweep	885	60	6.78
33.	Pondicherry	63262	11690	18.48
	TOTAL :	60570260	15516210	25.62

(*) As per the BPL Survey of 1997.
(**) Grade-I SHG-Any SHG in existence for 6 months and having attained a certain level of maturity.

Policy for development of cargo operations

*574. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is framing a policy for development of airports exclusively for cargo operations to give a much needed boost to the air